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SENATOR MARESH: If you wish to do that Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richendifer, did you want to talk on the amendment? On the Warner amendment?

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: I was just going to suggest that if the amendments are this extensive that they are pretty important and that we should possibly pass over this until they can get together.

PRESIDENT: Just pass over it and we can come back to it. We will pass over 897, it looks as if it will be controversial. Is there any objections? If not, so ordered. Next bill up for discussion is 775. Senator Fowler's bill. Clerk will read the title.

CLERK: Read LB775.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. Chairman, members of the legislature, this bill simply provides a small increase in the maximum weekly benefits for employment compensation. The bill came from the advisory committee to the Labor Commissioner a board composed of representatives of management and the general public. They recommend this request, and presented the bill to the labor committee and the individuals from the labor department testified for the bill and there was no opposition and the labor committee provided a unanimous vote out of the committee. It is simply an increase to meet the cost of living increases and slightly raise the money of unemployment insurance. I move the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Any other discussion on LB775? If not the question is, shall LB775 be advanced from General File to E & R Initial? Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 Nays Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Bill has been advanced. Next bill up for discussion is LB644. Senator Simpsons bill.

CLERK: Read LB644

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the legislature I move to advance LB644 to E & R for review. Now, once in a great while I take a non-controversial bill and I get to talk about them too. I want to tell you why I have this bill here. The University of Nebraska has a man and a womans rowing team. Last year they had a problem when they were in competition and also in practice out in the lake. We had a regulation in Nebraska that did not allow anyone to go out in the lake without having a life presserver ready to go. The Game Commission wished to go along with this on this issue but there was no way that they could according to law, so I brought in this bill on behalf of the people that they can take the life preservers and put them on the launch with them. They have had to have them underneath the seats, and if you have ever seen a rowing you know how close that space is, there is no way they could have gotten them out of there if they had tipped over and had been in danger. This will allow them to